

On page 1, insert as a title prior to the first paragraph --  
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 3, insert as a title prior to the third paragraph --  
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 10 insert as a title prior to the brief description  
of the drawings --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --.

On page 10 insert as a title following the brief description  
of the drawing --

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.

On page 14, line 1, replace as a title "Claims" with --  
WE CLAIM: --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete PCT amended claims 1 - 23 without prejudice and  
enter new claims 24 - 46 as indicated below:

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24. A method for using at least one adhesive tape as means  
for handling, transporting and storing a plurality of  
capillaries, the method comprising the step of: